

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of processing a developer, including ferromagnetic toner and hard magnetic carriers, for developing an electrostatic image, comprising:  
exercising a set developer with a blender prior to using said developer for developing said electrostatic image, ~~said developer comprising ferromagnetic toner and hard magnetic carriers.~~
2. **(Currently Amended)** ~~A~~ The method of processing a developer of claim 1, further for developing an electrostatic image, comprising:  
heating a the set developer ~~and exercising said set developer with a blender prior to using said developer for developing said electrostatic image, said developer comprising ferromagnetic toner and hard magnetic carriers.~~
3. **(Currently Amended)** The method of processing a developer of claim 2, further comprising heating wherein said developer is heated to a normal operating temperature.
4. **(Currently Amended)** ~~A~~ The method of processing a developer of claim 1, further for developing an electrostatic image, comprising:  
adding an amount of ferromagnetic toner to a the set developer ~~and exercising said set developer with a blender prior to using said developer for developing said electrostatic image, said developer comprising ferromagnetic toner and hard magnetic carriers.~~

5. **(Currently Amended)** The method of processing a developer of claim 4, wherein ~~said~~ the added amount of ferromagnetic toner is on the order of 0.1 to 1.0% by weight of said developer mass.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The method of processing a developer of claim 4, wherein ~~said~~ the added amount of ferromagnetic toner is on the order of 0.5% by weight of said developer mass.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The method of processing a developer of claim 4, wherein said adding said amount of ferromagnetic toner ~~is~~ takes place before said exercising of said set developer.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The method of processing a developer of claim 4, wherein said adding said amount of ferromagnetic toner ~~is~~ takes place during said exercising of said set developer.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A method of processing a developer, including ferromagnetic toner and hard magnetic carriers, for developing an electrostatic image, comprising:

exercising a set developer with a blender prior to using said developer for developing said electrostatic image, ~~said developer comprising ferromagnetic toner and hard magnetic carriers~~, while removing developer from a toning shell for transporting developer for developing said electrostatic image.

10. **(Cancelled)**

11. **(Cancelled)**

12. **(Currently Amended)** A method of processing a developer, including ferromagnetic toner and hard magnetic carriers, for developing an electrostatic image, comprising:

heating a set developer, adding an amount of ferromagnetic toner to said set developer, and exercising said set developer with a blender prior to using said developer for developing said electrostatic image, ~~said developer comprising ferromagnetic toner and hard magnetic carriers~~, while removing developer from a toning shell for transporting developer for developing said electrostatic image.

13. **(Currently Amended)** The method of processing a developer of claim 12, ~~further comprising heating wherein~~ said developer is heated to a normal operating temperature.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The method of processing a developer of claim 12, wherein said added amount of ferromagnetic toner is on the order of 0.1 to 1.0% by weight of said developer mass.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The method of processing a developer of claim 12, wherein said added amount of ferromagnetic toner is on the order of 0.5%.

16. **(Cancelled)**

17. **(Cancelled)**

18. **(Cancelled)**

19. **(Cancelled)**

20. **(Cancelled)**